

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

Tero SOUKKA et al.

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For: NANOPARTICLE FOR BIOAFFINITY ASSAYS

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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December 23, 2009

Sir:

Applicants petition the Director of Patents and Trademarks to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2009, for three months, from September 23, 2009 to December 23, 2009.

The extension fee is being paid electronically today. Please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1258.

Respectfully submitted,

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